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Letter dated 27 September 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government and further to my previous letters to you concerning incessant Iraqi threats against Kuwait, I have the honour to bring to your attention the serious threats that were directed against Kuwait and the mendacious allegations made in its regard by the President of the Iraqi regime as he presided over the thirty-eighth session of the Iraqi Council of Ministers on 25 September 2000. Kuwait emphasizes the gravity of such statements, and it calls attention to the danger they pose to its security and stability and to those of the countries of the region and notes the climate of tension and instability they create. This is particularly so since they emanate on a recurring basis from the highest leadership levels in Iraq.

As it highlights the statements recently made by the President of the Iraqi regime, Kuwait stresses one proven fact. This is that the Iraqi regime cannot be trusted or relied upon, given that it lacks any sense of guilt for the wanton aggression it committed against Kuwait's sovereignty on 2 August 1990. Moreover, assuming a position of strength and arrogance, it is still intent on justifying that aggression with flimsy excuses believed by no one. This conveys the true character of Iraq's intentions against Kuwait and the countries of the region, intentions that are other than peaceful and are of a hostile character.

The Government of Kuwait would like to make it clear to you that, at a time when Kuwait is giving constant expression, in both word and deed, to its empathy with the suffering of the Iraqi people, the Iraqi regime is most deplorably inciting the feelings of Iraqi citizens against the Government and people of Kuwait in a manifest attempt to invert the facts, evade responsibility for the aggression it committed against Kuwait in 1990 and sow hatred and enmity among people in the region. This is a most dangerous matter for the region's future and for its security.

We deny in the strongest terms the recurring Iraqi accusations against Kuwait, and we urge the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the President of the Security Council to address, vigorously and in an expeditious manner, the threats being made by the President of the Iraqi regime against Kuwait and the countries of the region. We further call upon the Security Council to take the necessary measures to secure Iraq's compliance with the relevant Security Council resolutions, and especially resolutions 687 (1991) and 949 (1994). In the latter resolution, the Council,

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"*Determined* to prevent Iraq from resorting to threats and intimidation of its neighbours and the United Nations,

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"*Demands* that Iraq not again utilize its military or any other forces in a hostile or provocative manner to threaten ... its neighbours ... ;

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I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mohammad A. **Abulhasan**
Permanent Representative